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## From the Pastor

Recently we have taken to listening to the radio while driving in the car with Audrey. It seems to soothe her and also it drowns out her cries. There has been one song in particular that has been resonating in my soul. The title is "Better than a Hallelujah," and it is sung by Amy Grant.

In the song she sings of drunkard's cries and soldier's pleas. She sings of mother's tears and a woman holding on for life. She sings of a man dying and someone crying tears of shame for what has been done and left undone. After each verse comes the chorus:

We pour out our miseries  
God just hears a melody  
Beautiful, the mess we are  
The honest cries of breaking hearts  
Are better than a hallelujah.

This song rings true with the words of scripture found in Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." What a powerful thought to understand that our God doesn't require perfection to come near us. He is not at bay because of the mess that we sometimes find our lives in. On the contrary, in those times when we've lost our way and see no hope, he's closer than ever before.

If we are honest with ourselves, we have all been a mess from time to time. Maybe you are a mess right now. If so, know that God draws near to you with the love grace and mercy of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are not a mess, let your hallelujahs rise and hold your brothers and sisters in Christ up in prayer and support them through the mutual care and conversation of the saints.

In Christ,  
Pastor Justin Johnson

Plan to attend a service of healing and prayer Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.

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### PrimeTimers

PrimeTimers will meet at noon on **Thursday, September 15th** for a pot-luck lunch. Toby Smith will perform with some of his favorite songs.

Bring a favorite salad, hot dish or dessert and plan to join us.



## From the President

A song has been stuck in my mind all week. It is a song by Josh Wilson called "*I Refuse*." The chorus goes like this, "I can't sit around and wait for someone else to do what God has called me to do myself. Oh, I could choose not to move, but I refuse. I refuse."

Jeremiah 1: 7-8 "But the Lord said to me, do not say I am only a youth; for all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Jeremiah was chosen by God to be a prophet to all nations. Jeremiah's response to God was, "I can't". I am not a good speaker and besides I am too young. The Lord told Jeremiah not to say I can't. If I tell you to go and speak to someone then go. I will tell you what to say and do not leave a word out.

Jesus will and does call you and me and He does give us what we need when we need it; because we **GO IN HIS NAME**. We often make or use many excuses not to go or take action. But *can't* is not in God's vocabulary. Like the old saying "can't never could do anything." There is plenty to do in God's Kingdom. We need everyone, bringing whatever they have, their gifts, and their willingness to do His work. We do not need to worry or be anxious because God reaches out and touches our lives and gives us the ability to do what he has called us to do. **HE IS CALLING**. We can stand by, close our eyes and pretend everything is alright or He is not speaking to us---or---we can jump in and be God's hands and feet, trusting in Him and in His promises to supply all our needs for whatever He has for us to do. **LIS-TEN, TRUST, OBEY, MOVE AND ACT IN HIS NAME**.

Some areas of service for prayer and action: Bible Studies, Coordinator for Volunteers, Sunday School Teachers, Baking Goodies, Adult Education Leaders, Small Group Ministry, Council Members, Committee Member, Worship Helpers & Assisting members with needs.

In Christ,

Kathy Fleiger

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### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Service – 9:00 am  
Fellowship – 10:00 am

**Ends September 11th**

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. thru Thurs. 8:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Begins September 18th

Worship 8:15 and 10:45 am

Fellowship 9:15 and 10:20 am

Christian Ed. 9:30 am



## FALL OFFICE HOURS

### Begin Mon., September 12th

Mon. thru Thurs. 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

Fri. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



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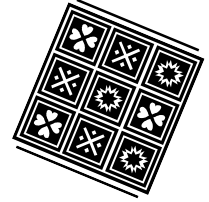
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## News from WELCA

**Wednesday Circle meeting** will begin Sept. 7 with a study of the book of Mark.  
**All women are invited to come!**

There is an extra book in the church library if needed.

The **quilting groups** need more women to help. Sewing is not required! Come and help pin and tie knots. Adult quilts are made Sept. 13. Baby quilts are made Sept. 27. There is also an evening quilting group that meets on the second Monday of the month for fellowship and working on personal projects. Sale of tickets for the Raffle Quilt are off to a good start!



The **Bazaar** is scheduled for Saturday, October 29.

The **bean soup** chart is placed by the kitchen. We need 13 varieties of beans to make the mix. We also need 8 oz. and 16 oz. jars with lids to fill with beans.

**Lefsa** making will start on Thursday, October 13. Work will continue on Friday, October 14th & Saturday, October 15th until the project is finished.

As you clean house this month and next, set aside **books, DVD's, CD's and VCR tapes.**

We need special items for **Granny's Attic, costume jewelry and handmade sewing projects, knitting and crocheting.**

The profits of this Bazaar go a long way to support programs that benefit women and children.

**If everyone helps, it will make a great difference.**

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## Great Women Leave Greater Gifts in Spokane

*Conference attendees help Spokane women and children.*

They were in Spokane for just a three day conference but Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made quite an impact while they were here. Women of the ELCA drew nearly 2,000 women to Spokane for their national conference focused on worship, education programs and community service. The community service component was evident when the women made hundreds of "in-kind" donations to local charities on the last day of their gathering.

The kindhearted group focused on Spokane's homeless women and children and those who have been victims of violence. They donated \$1,420 in gift cards and 11,160 minutes of phone cards to Transitions, a Spokane-area organization that works to end homelessness and poverty for women and children. Women of the ELCA also presented the organization with 600 health kits and hundreds of school supplies.

Fifty-eight clothing support kits, nearly 800 bags of socks and 2,225 prayer shawls went to Lutheran Community Services Northwest for distribution to Spokane area hospitals. By all accounts, the gifts left by Women of the ELCA might be some of the most generous donations ever made by a visiting group or organization.

Beyond their gifts, their conference also brought millions into the local economy. It's estimated the group generated nearly six million dollars in economic impact for the Spokane region!

# August Council Meeting Highlights

The council had a special update on various property concerns. The special collection toward filling the parking lot cracks has been very successful. The council has voted to have the cracks filled before winter. In the spring the rest of the repairs will have to be done to the lot. The property committee will also take on the task on replacing the light bulbs in the sanctuary.

As everyone settles back into “normal” schedules following a relaxed and restful summer, council would like to remind the congregation that we still need a **Vice- President**. As we speed through fall and into the holiday season it will be January before we know it. **Traditionally, the VP would take over from the President if elected at the congregational meeting in January.** Kathy Fleiger is our current President and come January **she will no longer** be able to fill that position as the constitution is written. We need a volunteer to fill VP now and hopefully be elected President in January. Please prayerfully consider this important service for the congregation.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

**CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**—Discussed the possibility of hosting Oktoberfest this year. Proposed date would be Oct. 21 to take place at Church.

**PROPERTY**—Discussed a variety of needed repairs. New phone system, elevator updates, parking lot and bird issues.

**OUTREACH (EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MISSION)**— Keep gathering pictures for the upcoming directory. We are looking for pictures from the summer concerts and Vacation Bible School! Pictures should be emailed to Karen at [kandrogge@comcast.net](mailto:kandrogge@comcast.net) You will be able to sign up for your sitting time online or at church on Sundays after the service.

### **A FEW MOMENTS IN PRAYER**

Prince of Peace Prayer Vigil

Friday, September 9, 9am - 9pm

To pray is the most commonly mentioned command in Scripture. More than anything else, God calls us to prayer. On September 9 you are asked to come to the church and spend at least 30 minutes in quiet, thoughtful prayer. In 1 Kings 19 v.9 God asks Elijah, "What are you doing here?" As we contemplate that question for ourselves, please look at the list of prayer concerns in the President's Report or use the enclosed 30 minutes in Prayer (page 5) for inspiration and guidance. The church will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. please sign up on the Prayer Vigil schedule so we can accommodate your schedule. If you are unable to join us at the church we ask that you set aside some time on Friday for prayer.

***Dear Heavenly Father, when you were on earth you prayed. You prayed in the morning, you prayed at night, you prayed alone, you prayed with people. In your hours of distress, you retreated into times of prayer. In your hours of joy, you lifted your heart and hands to the Father in prayer. Help us to be more like you in this way...help us to make prayer a priority in our daily lives. Amen***

# 30 Minutes in Prayer

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**“A half hour – how can I pray for 30 minutes – I’ll run out of things to say!”**

Prayer is like sitting down in a restaurant with a friend, you find a lot of things to say. But if talking to God for that long seems intimidating, it’s probably because we’re still learning just to share ourselves with Him as we would with a friend.

The following suggestions are designed to help you take courage to try spending dedicated time with the Lord. Probably after 10 minutes you won’t need the outline and you’ll find plenty to talk about without prompting.

## **PREPARATION**

**1 min. Beginning Prayer.** Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with Him. Ask His guidance. Give yourself to Him for 30 minutes.

**2 min. Confession.** Spend a few minutes going over with Him sins which weigh on you. Ask for His cleansing, then accept it by faith and thank Him. He is far more willing to forgive than you are to ask.

## **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

**3 min. Adoration.** Praise the Lord for his kindness, goodness and mercy. Thank Him for His goodness to you and your friends. As your heart begins to adore Him, you’ll sense His presence more deeply.

## **PETITION**

**4 min. Pray about Life’s Difficulties.** Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own personal struggles and the struggles and needs of others.

## **INTERCESSION**

**4 min. Pray for friends, relatives, neighbors and fellow workers.** Don’t just list their names but talk to Him about their lives and needs. Ask God to give you opportunities for witness and sharing in depth.

**6 min. Pray for our Church and its needs.** Call on him for deep renewal of love for God. Pray for the pastor and church leaders and fellow members. Pray for the Call Committee and the future of our church. Pray for volunteers to serve on council and committees. Call on God for an increase in giving so the church doesn’t have to struggle so much.

**6 min. Pray for our Nation,** that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors, our police and firemen.

**4 min. Pray for Other Nations,** for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples, pray for missionaries, for third-world pastors and churches, for the people of God who are suffering persecution. Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter and hope to the hungry.

Total = 30 minutes.

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## Education News . . .

### **Rally Sunday**

Sunday School Kick-off is September 11th, following the 9 am worship service (about 10:15)

We invite ALL Sunday School age children Pre-K through Grade 6 to participate in a cross-age group activity while parents fill out registration information.

**ALL EDUCATION CLASSES**  
**Pre K-6th, Confirmation group, High School**  
**and Adult Education**  
will resume on September 18th.

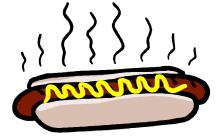
## Youth News . . .



*Join the fun at our first get-together of the new year: a pool party on*

**Saturday, Sept. 10**

**Where: Paulla Lalley's**  
**9207 N. James Ct.**



**Time: K-6:3:30-5pm**

**Hotdog BBQ: 5-6pm for everyone**  
**Jr/Sr High:6-7:30pm**

If you plan on attending call Paulla, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring additional food items to share.

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## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **What a Privilege . . .**

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! We have sung that song many times and it remains absolutely true.

It is a privilege to walk through the doors into God's house! And it is a privilege to take part in our Sunday worship! It's a privilege to support this ministry to the best of my ability.

**Thank you** for your support of Prince of Peace and it's ministry. Whether you are six years old, sixteen or ninety-six, your participation and financial support are necessary for our church to exist.

We are so blessed!

Bruce Anthony



### **New Pictorial Directory**

Have you been wondering about the identity of that person seated across the aisle from you in church on Sunday mornings? Good news! In October we will be putting together a new pictorial phone directory for Prince of Peace. What can you do to help? If you or your committee hold an event between now and October, please take pictures!! **We need to document the life and activities of our congregation in pictures** for our new directory.

# Bible Readings for the Month

## **Sunday, September 4**

1st Lesson — Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
2nd Lesson — Romans 13:8-14  
Gospel — Matthew 18:15-20

## **Sunday, September 11**

1st Lesson — Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13  
2nd Lesson — Romans 14:1-12  
Gospel — Matthew 18:21-35

## **Sunday, September 18**

1st Lesson — Jonah 3:10—4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
2nd Lesson — Philippians 1:21-30  
Gospel — Matthew 20:1-16

## **Sunday, September 25**

1st Lesson — Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
2nd Lesson — Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel — Matthew 21:23-32

## **ELCA National Youth Gathering**

Planning to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering July 18-22, 2012 in New Orleans? Then please get your name and deposit of \$150 to Pastor Johnson by Sunday, October 2.

## **Fall Thrivent Dinner**

Everyone is invited to the North Spokane County Chapter's fall dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, 5:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. Crawford, Deer Park. An Italian dinner of Chicken Al Fredo or Spaghetti with all the trimmings will be served. Bryan Pruess will present information about Identity Theft, there will be an update on Choice Dollars and information on Care in Community programs. Packets and information on fall voting will be available. There are always door prizes and good conversation! Please RSVP to Zion Lutheran Church answering machine, 509-276-2954, by Wednesday, Sept. 14. Don't forget to mark your calendars and join us!



A **BIG Thank you** to all who baked the 105 dozen cookies from Prince of Peace for the *LCS 8 Lakes Bike Ride* fundraiser. 742 riders took part, \$64,900 was raised for programs for women and children served by Lutheran Community Services and not a cookie crumb was left.

## **Assists for September**

**September 4**  
Rebecca Hendrickson

**September 11**  
Gabe Lungstrom

**September 18**  
Curt Froscheiser

**September 25**  
Rod Tamura

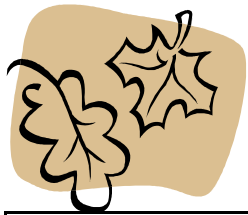
## **Deacons for September**

**September 4**  
Randy Fleiger

**September 11**  
Margaret Clark

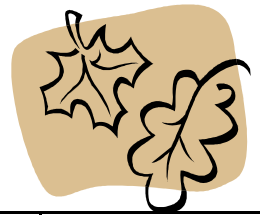
**September 18**  
Doug & Gail Freese

**September 25**  
Iris Pehan



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	2	3
4  Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am	5  <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6  All Committee Night 7 pm	7  Women's Bible Study 9:30 am  Adult Choir 7:45 pm	8    <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	9  Prayer Vigil 9am—9pm	10  Youth Pool Party K-6 3:30-5pm <u>Hot dog BBQ</u> <u>for All 5-6pm</u> Jr/Sr 6-7:30pm
11  Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Fall Kickoff BBQ 11 am	12  <b>PRESCHOOL BEGINS</b> Evening Quilters 6:30 pm  Praise Group 6:45 pm	13  Quilters 9 am  Executive Committee 6:30 pm  <i>NITNC Mtg. 7 pm</i>	14  Confirmation 6:30 pm  Adult Choir 7:45 pm	15  PrimeTimers noon  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	16  <b>WATOTO</b> <b>Children's</b> <b>Concerts</b> 10 am & 7 pm	17
18 <b>FALL WORSHIP</b> <b>SCHEDULE BEGINS</b> <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:20 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am	19  Praise Group 6:45 pm	20  Women's Morning Together 7 am  Church Council 7 pm	21  Confirmation 6:30 pm  Adult Choir 7:45 pm	22    <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	23	24  Confirmands @ Lutherhaven  <i>Foster Care</i> <i>Conference</i>
25  <u>Worship:</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship:</u> 9:15 & 10:20 am <u>Christian Ed:</u> 9:30 am	26  Praise Group 6:45 pm	27  Baby Quilters 9 am  Service of Healing and Prayer 7 pm	28  Confirmation 6:30 pm  Adult Choir 7:45 pm	29  New Member Class 6:30 pm  <i>AA Mtg. 7 pm</i>	30	



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